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2. The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein: said MPEG audio player is integrated within said remote handset.

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- 4. The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein: said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.
- 5. The cordless telephone according to claim 2, wherein: said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.
- 6. A method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

 playing MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone.

7. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless

said MP3 music is pre-loaded before said step of playing.

telephone according to claim 6\ wherein:

8. The method of Integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 7, wherein:

said MP3 music is played substantially real-time as it is received by said cordless telephone.

9. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 7, further comprising:

muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

10. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 9, wherein:

said muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

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11. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 6, further comprising:

downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source.

12. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 11, further comprising:

storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in a base unit of said cordless telephone.

13. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 11, further comprising:

storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in said remote handset of said cordless telephone.

14. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 13, wherein:

said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format is stored in Flash memory in said remote handset.

15. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 11, wherein:

said remote bit stream audio source is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

17. The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 11, wherein:

said MPEG format is an MP3 format.



18. Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless belephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone.

19. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 18, further comprising:

means for muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

20. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 19, wherein:

said means for muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

21. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 18, further comprising:

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source.

22. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 21, further comprising:

means for storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in a base unit of said cordless telephone.

23. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 21, further comprising:

means for storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in said remote handset of said cordless telephone.

24. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 23, wherein:

said means for storing stores said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in Flash memory in said remote handset.

25. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 21, wherein:

said remote bit stream audio source is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

/ 27. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 21, wherein:

said MREG format is an MP3 format.

28. The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 21, further comprising:

means for decompressing MPEG formatted music into digital music samples for digital to analog output.